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THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

There is high regard in Virginia for the office of Governor. Our citizens respect the title and executive position. One reason for this is the general high calibre of those chosen to fill the office. We can point with pride to the dozens of truly outstanding Governors of the Commonwealth. Another reason for respect is the tremendous power entrusted by law to the chief executive of the State. It is our opinion that a Governor of Virginia is more powerful in matters of State Government than is a President of the United States in the realm of Federal government. Save for the two months in every twenty-four when the Assembly is in session, the Governor of Virginia rules the roost; Reverse the figures as between the President and Congress!

We believe that John S. Battle, who now becomes the chief executive of Virginia, will add to the dignity and respect of the office, and we extend him cordial greetings and best wishes for a successful administration.

Governor Battle has a background of experience in state affairs, and during the spirited primary campaign revealed knowledge of the affairs of the Commonwealth. He will work as a team member with the Legislature and there will be a minimum of changes in the present administrative set-up. We may expect sound, conservative administration.

"WELFARE" COSTS

Maybe you have been reading and listening to lot about the "welfare state."

And you would gather that we are going broke providing citizens with this "welfare."

So - - let us take a look:

In 1939, the total federal budget was four and one-half times smaller than the $42,400,000,000 Mr. Truman requested in his budget proposals last week. But almost half of the 1939 total, or $3,946,000,000, was in the category of social welfare, health and social security!

The President's proposed budget for fiscal 1951, calls for $2,714,000,000!

Study will show that the only federal activity . Truman is cutting down is in welfare items - yet he is accused of leading us into a "welfare state!" (See page 1,165 of the proposed budget for figures quoted in this analysis).

"The Truman welfare state" will actually be budgeted at $1,200,000,000 less in social welfare, health and security than it cost in 1939.

Now, the reason for the paradox in these figures, is that in 1939, we spent $3,125,000,000 for work and direct relief. In the fiscal 1951 budget a mere $39 million is proposed for work and direct relief.

This great savings is brought on by the simple fact that in prosperous times, welfare costs are low. So the administration can claim credit for a real and genuine savings of money in an important field.

Let another depression come upon us, and welfare expenditures would zoom to dizzy levels. The cost of keeping America prosperous is less than the cost of a depression, in cash as well as in human values.

Frankly, we are not alarmed over the "welfare state" charges against our government. We consider it perfectly normal for a volume of federal measures to be necessary in our modern compact and industrial nation that were not necessary in the pioneer days of previous decades. Our concern is that regulation and restriction come by evolution and not by re-olution; by democratic processes and not by dictatorships.

AN EXAMPLE!

An example of the sort of condition which may force "government" to step into your private life and tell you what to do or not to do, is the emergency caused by New York's water shortage. We are glad to note that rains have brought a temporary relief . . but it was serious enough, this shortage of water, to justify government to order citizens what to do about such personal matters as shaving , taking a bath! Here we are the most powerful nation in the world, yet many of our citizens can't shave for fear of using too much water!

What would your die-hard conservative say to such red tape, and regulation? Well, there is nothing to fear, say, really; for if ten million people have only so many gallons of water available, the only thing to do is to regulate its use for the benefit of all. You could prefer to have been a pioneer discovering the Mississippi, and having it ALL TO YOURSELF and do as you please with! But in modern America, we are just naturally not able to be that way anymore.

While these problems are isolated and concern only one village, we can leave the making and administration of the regulations to the villages. If the problems are county-wide and concern only ONE county, we can leave the matter to county officials. And so if they are state-wide. BUT if the problems are national and concern ALL the people, we must grow to acceptance of the necessity for national, or federal, regulation. Laborers, farmers, office and factory workers, all are individuals and live on work . . but the problems of laborers, farmers, office and factory workers, etc. have aspects in which they are uniform and call for uniform solutions and approaches to solutions. How to meet these problems calls for a high degree of cooperation and teamwork, if we are to preserve the maximum in personal freedom. To pout and sulk, and feel that "I wanna live L. Daniel Boone" is immature. Rather we should team up the independent thinkers for action that be for the benefit of all.

This paper believes stoutly in resisting unnecessary regulations and over-concentration of power away from the hands of the people. We favor gradual changes and careful study before jumping into ways of doing things; yet we are not opposed to changes proven necessary.

MORE COLLEGE GRADUATES

Philadelphia Inquirer

Continuing upward trend in college enrollments, now at a record high of over 2,500,000 appears to indicate that the demand for higher education spurred by postwar assistance to veterans is becoming a permanent part of American life.

It is obvious that this offers large problems to the colleges. Some of the bigger ones have decided to halt the increase in their enrollments, while many smaller institutions are still enlarging their student bodies. But most of them will have to expand heir physical facilities and their faculties to accomodate the increasing number of young Americans who want education beyond the high school grades.

There are problems for the future graduates, too. There may well be too few jobs in the professions and other fields traditionally favored by degree holders to go around. It is likely that a degree will no longer be an automatic passport to the so-called white collar jobs

In the long run this may be a good thing. Many college graduates are better fitted for hard, dirty jobs in industry than for the more glamorous - sounding pursuits, and industry can make good use of trained minds. If college students recognize that doing a job well is more important tha the name of the position rising college enrollment can bring great benefits to individuals and to the nation.

VIRGINIA CIVIL RIGHTS

The New York Times

The General Assembly of Virginia now in bi-annial session at Richmond, will have before it some civil rights bills that may make Southern history. Delegate Armistead Boothe of Alexandria, proposes to ask the Legislature to (1) repeal the state laws requiring the separation of the race on railways, street cars, steamships and motor vehicles; and (2) to creat a Virginia civil rights commission to study economic, educational and other problems in their interracial aspects to the end that "we might come a little closer ot living up to what the Constitution promises."

The auspices under which Virginia's civil rights bill will go before the Legislature in which some of the authors of American civil liberties once served, are important. Mr. Boothe is a graduate of the University of Virginia, was once a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, and has won recognition in prevailing Democratic party counsels in the state.

If Virginia repeals its Jim Crow law, the effect on localities which have their own segregation ordinances on carriers will be far-reaching. A chronically irritating differential between the races will have been removed at the state level, and tensions in the atmosphere in which work for improved race relations must continue will have been lessened. The white perspective below the Potomac may change.

That the Virginia General Assembly will at least give the Boothe bills serious consideration is assured. The same Legislature passed an anti-lynching bill as long ago as 1928. It became the Byrd bill because the Governor of Virginia was then Harry Flood Byrd, now the state's senior United States Senator and still its dominant political figure.

The civil rights bill will go before the Legislature in which Thomas Jefferson once served as a member. Southern Legislature in which Mr. Jefferson, long before the turn of the nineteenth century, introduced a bill abolishing slavery that failed of passage by only one vote.

BETTER THAN CUT - THROAT METHODS

From The Portsmouth Star

The Virginia Travel Council, evidently acting on the old premise that the best defense is a good offense, has sent an invading army into the great tourist mecca that is Florida.

Florida long has been drawing hordes of tourists from Virginia. In the Autumn Florida tourist promotion work . . visited Virginia to acquaint us with the delights of their state. Now a party of twenty-one Virginians, sponsored by the Virginia Travel Council, are touring Florida to sing the glories of the Old Dominion.

These Virginians, representing some of our Commonwealth's worldfamous shrines and scenic wonders, will do more than talk. They are carrying motion pictures that show Virginia's attractions and they are distributing Virginia apples.

Actually, this enterprise is not so much a competitive as a cooperative one. Florida and Virginia are trying to promote an interchange of tourists from which both states will benefit. From Florida itself came the suggesti n that Florida might be a receptive market for Virginia fruit. Cooperative interstate travel promotion like that recently being sponsored by Virginia and Florida agencies is probably a great deal more practical than some of the cut-throat methods sometimes indulged in.

IT'S CHEAPER TO LIVE

From The Marietta (Ga.) County Times

A live man pays 50 cents for a shave. It costs $5 to shave a dead man in the morgue. A wool overcoat costs $40. A wooden one costs $400. A taxi to the theatre costs $1 for a round trip. But one to the cemetery costs $10 for one way. Stay alive and save your money. It's easier. Drive carefully.—

BIBLE SPEAKS

By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:1-8:4. DEVOTIONAL READING: 1 Peter 1: 13-19.

First to Fall

Lesson for January 22, 1950

TROUBLE IN THE CHURCH can start anywhere. Sometimes it starts with the women. That was the way the early church found it. The experiment in fellowship which they tried ran into snags, for not even the first Christians were perfect. The church in Jerusalem was in a sense inter racial. Some were born and bred in Palestine, and there themselves from the outside, with Greek names, speaking Greek as their native tongue —Hellenists they were called. There was argument: Were the Hellenist widows getting their share of the church's help?

Dr. Foreman

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Committee Chairman

THE APOSTLES, being called on, refused to straighten the tangle themselves. Let the church elect a committee, they said. First on the list was a man named Stephen. He turned out to be most famous for being the first Christian martyr, but when he fell unconscious beneath that shower of stones, there did no ordinary man.

To begin with, he filled the bill as chairman of that Committee on Grievances. Not many men, then or now, could fill all three qualifications the Apostles required: reputation, spirituality, and wisdom.

It takes a very tactful man to settle a difficulty in which women are concerned; it takes tact to handle any committee; it takes tact to manage an inter-racial situation; it calls for wisdom to handle funds.

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Debater

SOME MEN THINK themselves bigger than their jobs. Some men really are bigger, and Stephen was one of these. He spilled over, so to speak; he had even more energy and ability than the job called for. We hear of him debating around the synagogue circuit particularly in the synagogues which were used by Jews from other parts of the world.

We have no details of those debates, but we know how they always came out; Stephen got the decision. We can guess, from his great speech in the hour of his death, what his general line must have been.

Many Christians in Jerusalem at that time had little or no idea that Christianity was actually a new religion; even the name "Christian" had not been thought of. They considered it a form of the Jewish religion.

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Scholar

STEPHEN'S SPEECH at his trial (Acts 7) may sound dull to some now, but it was not dull to the audience. No man makes a dull speech on the brink of death. Further, it was that speech that got him killed. His listeners may not have liked it, but they certainly did not think it dull! The beauty of the speech is that it reveals Stephen's keen insight into the religious history of his people.

Speaking without notes, he reviews the history of close to 2,000 years in a 10-minute talk, and yet brings out the main points. Only a real scholar can do that, a man who is both historian and prophet. The most important peaks in Israel's history were God's revelations to them; and Stephen shows that these revelations had never been tied to a house or a book.

No institutions and no place is indispensable to God. The same God who had wrought new things in the past had now wrought a new thing in Christ.

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Martyr

STEPHEN'S AUDIENCE was not convinced. Seeing murder in their eyes, Stephen knew his time was short. In a few stinging last words he reminded them that murder was an old story in that Temple. They had killed prophets, they had killed Jesus the "Just One." And now— Now they dragged Stephen out and stoned him till he died.

Well, you can stop a voice but you cannot stop an idea. Stephen was first to fall, but not the last. To this very year Christ has his martyrs, men and women who will die rather than deny him.

You can silence a man but you cannot silence truth. When the world goes against her, the Church should remember that now as then, "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

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Rocks

Rocks, Jan. 16.- The weather is mild for the time of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans were in the neighborhood last Sunday night. Mrs. Claudie Ranson accompanied them home for a few days.

Friends were shocked last Monday to hear of the death of Floyd Dickerson, of Drakes Branch. And again Friday night, when Mrs. Marshall, of Central died at Red Oak while attending the B. T. U. rally.

G. T. Marsh was in Lynchburg last Tuesday selling tobacco.

Several from Rocks attended the Group B. T. U. rally at Red Oak Friday night.

G. T. Marsh was taken ill Saturday. The doctor was called in. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh called to see him that night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder called to see Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ransen and Charlene were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ransom one day Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Roach accompanied her husband to Appomattox Saturday morning.

Mrs. Toby Inge and Mrs. D. R. Inge went to the dentist Saturday at Appomattox.

Mary Edith Ranson fell Saturday and was carried to Appomattox to see a doctor.

Miss Annie C. Martin sprained her ankle Sunday night. She was supper guest of Miss Gwendolyn Paulette.

William Carroll Ransen got hit in the eye by a cow last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ransen were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children.

Donald Roach, of Waynesboro, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Garrette and children, of Amherst were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ranson last Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Ranson was notified last week of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Martha Williams, of Pamplin.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Jan. 17.- Mrs. G. W. Glover is improving very slowly. Those who visited her lately were Mrs. Mary Sullivan, from Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glover and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Glover and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and sons returned after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Otis Newitt, of Washington, D. C. spent the week-end in this same home.

Miss Bessie Ann Glover was Sunday dinner guest of Miss Jackie White.

We want to welcome our new neighbors in the community, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Tibbs and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grisaw and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp and daughter, of Richmond spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle.

Mr. Clapp also visited his sister, Mrs. Edgar Doss last Wednesday. She is a patient in University Hospital, Charlottesville.

Mrs. Jack Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle called to see Mrs. W. E. Warriner recently.

Joe Paulette and son, Ronald, and J. L. Evans visited Mrs. Evans in Natasha last Sunday.

Mrs. Louise Farrar and two children spent Sunday with Mrs. Carl Womack and family.

Mrs. Howard Glover spent Monday with her aunt, Mrs. G. E. Lefew, in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples and family visited Mrs. Doss in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stapleton on Sunday P. M.

Miss Phyllis LeGrande spent Sunday with Miss Hazel Paulette.

Pamplin RFD 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. 1., Jan. 17th.- Mrs. Betty Price and children have returned to their home in Sandston, Va., after spending some time with Mrs. W. R. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Baldwin spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Covington, of Prospect.

Miss Virginia Richardson, of Farmville spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meadows have returned to their home in Richmond after spending the week-end with Mrs. Annie Meadows.

The W man's Society of Christian Service held their regular monthly meeting at Piney Ridge Church on Wednesday night. Mrs. Wilson Baldwin was program leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arrington and little son, Roy Edward, of Farmville were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Sizemore.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hancock and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts and baby, all of Farmville visited Mrs. Will Baldwin and family on Sunday.

The M. Y. P. of Piney Ridge met at the church on Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Carl Ferguson was leader, using the topic, "Must I Help Others?" A group of the young people plan to attend the Sub-District meeting at Memorial Methodist Church at Appomattox on Tuesday night, January 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Baldwin and little daughter, Barbara Kay, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mrs. E. A. Baldwin and family.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Jan. 17.- Mrs. W. H. Marshall and Mrs. W. B. Cord left Saturday for Florida where they expect to spend three months visiting relatives.

Mrs. Charles North, of Lynchburg is spending a few days with relatives here.

Miss Mary Rives Black, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black.

R. A. Southall, II, of Richmond Medical College, and Billy Southall, of V. P. I. spent the week-end with their parent, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Southall.

Miss Mildred Slayton, of Lynchburg spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dickerson, Jr. of Richmond were Sunday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dickerson, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin and daughter, Mary Lou, of Appomattox were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harvey and Mrs. N. L. McClenny Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDearmon spent Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sears, of Charlotte Court House.

The Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry Monday, with a good attendance. The social hour and refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudley were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ligon, of Winchester.

Miss Sarah Noff Dickerson and two schoolmates, of Longwood College were week-end guests in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dickerson, Sr.

John Jeter Ligon, of Richmond, spent the week-end at his home here.

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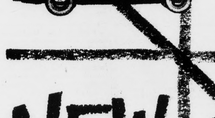

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